

**The City of Frederick, Maryland**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of January 8, 2013**

*(Approved February 12, 2013)*

Members Present: J. Grove, J. Myers, R. Fox, D. Rivera, M. Lawrence, R. Knight

Staff Present: R. Myers, K. Winterstein, M. O'Connor, T. Ledwell, E. Rocca, P. Grossman

Regrets: J. Baldi, K. Wagester, C. Meierhoefer

Meeting called to order by M. Lawrence at 7:00 p.m.

1. Review of the October 9, 2012 minutes:

*Motion* by J. Grove to approve the minutes as submitted  
2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Myers  
*All in favor.*

2. Review and discussion of a request by the Downtown Frederick Partnership to serve alcohol at their 2013 Alive @ 5 happy hour events at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater. Mr. Eli Roth of the Partnership stated:

- Expanding from 13 to 16 events in 2013;
- Ninth year for these events;
- Excellent track record of using the park responsibly.

*Motion* by J. Grove to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to allow alcohol to be served at the 2013 Alive @ 5 events at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater;  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Myers  
*ALL in favor.*

3. Review and discussion of a request by the Downtown Frederick Partnership to serve alcohol at their September 7, 2013 "Dog Days of Summer" First Saturday event at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater. Mr. Eli Roth of the Partnership stated:

- Event has been in place for several years;
- Beer garden is much smaller than the Alive @ 5 event;
- Changed from August to September due to heat issues for the dogs. This was due to feedback to many participants.

*Motion* by R. Fox to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to allow alcohol to be served at the September 7, 2013 "Dog Days of Summer" First Saturday event at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater;  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Grove  
*ALL in favor.*

4. Review and discussion of a request by the Brewers Association of Maryland to serve alcohol at their proposed "Maryland Craft Beer Festival" on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at Carroll Creek Urban Park. Mr. JT Smith, Executive Director and Mr. Phil Bowers, Treasurer were present and offered the following:

- Annual Spring Fest has been held for approximately ten (10) years;
- Rebranding the event to the Maryland Craft Beer Festival;
- Event has been held on City property in previous years at Keys Stadium with the 2012 event held at the Fairgrounds;
- Over the years there have not been any security issues;

- The Brewers Association of Maryland is a non-profit trade association;
- This is one of two annual fund events;
- Security event with limited pours – two (2) ounce pours with six (6) samples which are two (2) ounce pours each totaling twelve (12) ounces or the equivalent of one bottle of beer;
- Scheduled 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. possibly.

M. Lawrence inquired why the change in location. JT Smith offered that over the years the location has changed a few times and the aesthetics of Carroll Creek Urban Park (CCUP) and being residents downtown it is more appealing as well as being more easily serviced. Also provides more customers to downtown businesses and restaurants. Mr. Bowers further agreed they also felt that CCUP was always the best place to hold this event. Similar set up to the Alive @ 5 events expanding some due to expecting roughly 2,000 people; the most at an Alive @ 5 event has been 1,200. Will work closely with the Frederick County Liquor Board as well.

R. Myers asked what boundaries they are proposing. Mr. Bowers offered that expanding close to the Community Bridge (South Carroll Street) and probably out in front of and under the Suspension Bridge. Maxwell Place will not be blocked off and will have access to their property. All the way back up into the green area behind the Amphitheater. Proposing to utilize the plastic snow fence like Alive @ 5 events and trained security will be provided.

R. Myers offered some history and precedents that have been set over the years:

- No events are allowed to totally fence in the Carroll Creek Urban Park;
- No blocking off of residences and/or businesses adjacent to the Park;
- Not on north side of the Park so this will not affect the businesses;
- Maryland Wine Festival had a very successful event that was watched closely by the Frederick County Liquor Board which was not fenced at all.

R. Myers inquired about the proposed attendance of 2,000. JT Smith offered they can regulate ticket sales and once they set the site plan for the event what the area allows will be adhered to.

R. Fox asked if this is an equivalent space as compared to previous events. R. Myers stated the numbers of previous events as stated above as well as the Office of Special Events used the area for the Up The Creek event, they expanded into the green area which helps quite a bit. JT Smith offered that they have never been at capacity at Keys Stadium or the Fairgrounds. P. Bowers offered the largest event was approximately 2,300 people at Keys Stadium and the 2012 event was attended by 1,700. JT Smith stressed they have control over ticket sales and can manage the attendance numbers.

Both JT Smith and P. Bowers stated they will provide security, either by utilizing off-duty Frederick Police Officers, County Sheriff's Deputy's and/or private security.

Acting Chief of Police Tom Ledwell stated in their research took into consideration were the history of the event; behavior and calls for service. Also consulted with the Parking Department and with at least four (4) parking decks in close proximity, pedestrians can easily access the decks for parking. Currently there are no conflicting events on this date; it is Armed Forces Day but those events are typically within Ft. Detrick. Other issues to be considered is the security plan approved by the Frederick Police Department and adequate bathroom facilities. Traffic does not appear to be an issue. Also, be aware the Noise Ordinance will apply to this event. R. Myers stated staff appreciates the Police reviewing this request. There will also be another meeting (Mayor and Board of Aldermen) at which the public will have another opportunity to comment.

Barbara Mann, Maxwell Place resident stated she is glad to hear the entire Park is not going to be fenced in; request any amplifiers not face east. Feel it is a great place to have the event and that there will be a security plan. Wanted contact information for the day of the event. Also concern over using their

driveway; R. Myers stated they will use the gravel City access drive and parking area; not the Maxwell Place property.

Mr. Eli Roth of the Downtown Frederick Partnership stated they fully support this event.

*Motion* by R. Knight to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to allow alcohol to be served at the May 18, 2013 Brewer's Association of Maryland "Maryland Craft Beer Festival" event at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater;

2<sup>nd</sup> J. Myers

*ALL in favor.*

5. Review and discussion of a request by the Friends of Hospital Park to change the park name to Park Place. Ms. Jen Swafford, President and Ms. Amanda Forester, Treasurer of the Friends of Hospital Park offered they are looking to make the name change due to confusion over ownership, recognition and distinction. They are proposing the name of "Park Place" as it was a previous street name at the current location. Discussion centered on the concern of the name becoming "Park Place Park".

R. Myers offered that only two (2) parks have had their names changed; Kidwiler Park at Rosedale and Jimmy McGee Memorial Park in Old Farm. The cost to the City for a name change would be less than \$100.

Consensus of the Commission was to change the name of the park but to find a more suitable name. Suggestions ranged from the name of the first Mayor of The City of Frederick, the first president of Frederick Memorial Hospital or possibly Trail Avenue Park.

Friends of Hospital Park will go back and come up with an alternative name and submit to the staff. Staff will then forward to the next available Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting for their review.

*Motion* by R. Fox to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to approved changing the name of Hospital Park;

2<sup>nd</sup> J. Myers

*ALL in favor.*

6. Review and discussion of a request by the Mental Health Association of Frederick County / Child Care Choices to waive fees for their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival to be held in Baker Park on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Patty Morison of the Mental Health Association of Frederick County, Child Care Choices stated that the City has co-sponsored this event for all of its twenty-four (24) years and have waived fees for each. Fees to be waived are for Baker Park and the William R. Talley Recreation Center Gymnasium.

*Motion* by R. Fox to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to co-sponsor and waive fees for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival;

2<sup>nd</sup> R. Knight

*ALL in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi A. Winterstein  
Commission Secretary